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COURTS SEEK VIETNAMESE INTERPRETERS

Salt Lake City, Utah—The Administrative Office of the Courts is seeking individuals proficient in English and Vietnamese to become certified Vietnamese language interpreters.

A diagnostic language test for prospective Vietnamese interpreters is planned Friday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. at locations in Logan, Moab, Ogden, Provo, Richfield, Salt Lake City, St. George, and Vernal. The cost to take the test is \$25. Those who pass the test are required to attend five skill-building workshops as well as pass a national certification exam for court interpretation.

Court interpreters are often needed for criminal defendants, witnesses, or parties who understand little or no English. Skills needed to become a Vietnamese court interpreter include a command of English and Vietnamese, knowledge of legal vocabulary and street slang, and ability to interpret accurately and quickly. Certified court interpreters are paid \$30 per hour.

To register for the testing, contact Holly Frishknecht at (801) 238-7843 or hollyf@email.utcourts.gov. Information on court interpreting is available on the courts' Web site at www.utcourts.gov. # # #